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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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Application - 29 pages of Specification, 4 pages of Claims and 1 page of Abstract  
15 Sheets of informal drawing(s)  
Declaration and Power of Attorney  
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CLAIMS AS FILED				
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
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